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On March 18, Roman Catholic Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas announced that the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) had agreed to observe a unilateral cease-fire April 1 to permit implementation of a vaccination program for adults and children in conflict zones. FMLN commander Shafick Handal agreed to the truce, said Rivera y Damas. The vaccination program is organized by the government in conjunction with the World Health Organization. Military sources did not say if the army would observe a cease-fire on the same day. (Basic data from AFP, 03/18/90)

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